

There is no use attempting to play in the auditorium if we cannot practise there. All the other Big Six teams have a place unmolested for their practise, and they play on the same court and in their fieldhouses and gymnasias that they practise upon. It certainly is not a square deal to our athletes who are forced to face this situation. I know what other persons say - "You can win. You always have done it!" - but that is the most illogical statement that anyone would have nerve enough to make.

Since basketball is the only sport that has been winning at the University of Kansas for a number of years, it seems logical and thinkable to me that we should endeavor to keep it above the low level to which it is destined to sink if we are forced further to give up these dates. Dates that are constantly thrust upon us without consultation or right of clergy are decidedly detrimental to us.

I have a distinct recollection three years ago of calling Dean Swarthout, who happened to be in Chancellor Lindley's office at the time. I asked him if I might use the auditorium that afternoon for practise for the Missouri game which was to be played the following night. Dean Swarthout said that he was very sorry, but that it was a very important rehearsal and we could not use it. And we did not do so. I do not feel that this same courtesy has been extended to us.

The individual who made these dates and caused them to be put in the K Book without consulting us must have torn a page from Mein Kampf. I have just gone through one experience this past week where lack of organization and correspondence created a very embarrassing situation. Things were done without our knowledge and very definitely to the detriment of better relations in our own department.

I am coming to you as Chancellor of the University to appeal to your sense of fairness. The football team has a place to practise without molestation. They have their dressing quarters and their practise periods without interruption. This is true of every sport in the University with the exception of the basketball team.

During the period between semesters for ten days our gymnasium is pre-empted for enrollment, both the first floor and the second floor. Tables are put up and they are kept up until after re-enrollment at the end of the week. We are then forced to practise in the auditorium and this is practically in the middle of our game season when we are supposed to be at a competitive pitch in meeting opponents.

Neither the gymnasium nor the auditorium is ours except when it fits the whim or convenience of prima donnas who can only sing in an environment where a background is necessary. But apparently no one seems to think this necessity of practise in an environment for background applies to athletes.

Very Cordially yours

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